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SUBJECT:INTERNATIONAL VISUAL ARTS FESTIVALS & COMPETITIONS

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS GIVING ASSISTANCE TO A NEWLY-FORMED PRIVATE GROUP WHICH IS ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE AND COORDINATE THE RESPONSE OF THE AMERICAN ARTS COMMUNITY TO INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS. AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, WE ARE TRYING TO ASSEMBLE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON THESE EVENTS. CONTACTS WITH INTERESTED OFFICIALS AND INSTITUTIONS HERE (INCLUDING FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS) HAVE YIELDED MUCH INFORMATION, BUT HAVE ALSO LEFT UNANSWERED A SURPRISING NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. THE POST'S ASSISTANCE IN FILLING IN THE GAPS WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE; THE LATEST AVAILABLE DATA (WITH NOTATION WHEN IT IS LIKELY TO CHANGE) IS WHAT IS SOUGHT.

2. PLEASE ADVISE IF THE "2ND WORLD FESTIVAL OF NEGRO ART" WILL TAKE PLACE IN NIGERIA. IF SO, KINDLY PROVIDE DATES, NAME OF OFFICIAL SPONSOR(S), NAMES OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS,
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IF ANY, AND AN EXPLANATION OF SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS.

3. IF CATALOGUES OR SETS OF RULES ARE AVAILABLE, PLEASE
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